

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith \* Growing in Spirit \* Reaching Out to Those in Need*  
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March 25, 2018 Sunday of the Palms/Passion Sunday 10:45 am

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God’s final vindication.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stand)*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you; righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding
on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
(Zechariah 9:9)

As the people spread their coats and palm branches on the ground to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, so we welcome him into our lives this morning. King of Glory, King of Peace, Servant King, reign in our hearts and live this day and all days, that we might praise your holy name. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11 Pew Bible NT pg. 48

OPENING SONG “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” ELW #344
(wave your palm during the chorus)

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the king of Israel and David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels are praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(please be seated)*

SS CHILDREN SING “Hosanna”

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(please stand)*

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC “That Old Rugged Cross” Don Besig\Nancy Price
Zion Adult Choir
Pianist: Stephanie Hawkinson ~ Flute: Sue Gates

WORD

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:5–11

Pew Bible NT pg. 210

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

GOSPEL SONG

“Were You There?”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh – Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh – Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh – Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
(Congregation may remain seated for the Choral Gospel Reading)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:1—15:47

Pew Bible NT pg. 52

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

SONG OF THE DAY

“The Wonderful Cross”

When I survey the wonderful cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ere such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

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Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
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APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.

OFFERING SONG "He Is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
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Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you as you take up your cross and follow.

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

"Grace Flows Down" ~ done by the Praise Band

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